

Death Clue #2

Poe expected to die before he returned from his trip to Richmond.

Mr. Poe left his home, in Westchester County, in this state, early in the summer on a visit to the South, and we were told at the time his mother-in-law Mrs. Clemm, who was his sole companion, had no expectations of ever seeing him return. He arranged all his papers so that they could be used without difficulty in case of his death, and told her that if he never came back she would find everything left in order. But there was no cause to apprehend that the termination of his career was close at hand. He went to Richmond where he delivered a series of lectures and was well received by his old friends; he renewed his attachment to wealthy widow in that city, which he had known before his or her marriage, and was on his way to make arrangements for his marriage to her, when he had a relapse of his besetting infirmities in Baltimore, and died miserably.

--Holden's Dollar Magazine, December 1849